

included. On the other hand, our patients are not sufficiently conscientious regarding the maintenance of oral cavity hygiene, and still less the habit of regular check-ups after implantoprosthetic rehabilitation.

We will present several patients motivated for implantoprosthetic rehabilitation, in whom, because of different contraindications, implantation was not carried out, and the patients were supplied with classical prosthetic devices. We will also demonstrate that occasionally implantoprosthetic rehabilitation leads to good results in patients with worn out prosthetic devices and periodontopathy.

## Protetička ili implantoprotetička sanacija bezubih prostora

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Gubitak zuba uzrokuje ne samo estetski već i funkcijski poremećaj stomatognatoga sustava. Rješavanje bezubosti još uvijek je velik izazov suvremenoj stomatologiji. Mogući su različiti pristupi, ovisno o vrsti i broju izgubljenih zuba te o stanju okolnoga tkiva. Bilo da se radi o gubitku samo jednoga zuba ili više njih, da bi se ispravno provela sanacija potrebno je poznavati funkciju žvačnoga organa i terapijske postupke.

Nedostatak zuba može se rješavati ortodontski, protetski ili implantoprotetski. Koji od načina će se odabrati ovisi o samome slučaju, o izboru terapeuta, te o mogućnosti i suradnji pacijenta. U ovome radu prikazano je nekoliko slučajeva koji su se rješavali samo klasičnim protetskim nadomjestcima, a nasuprot tome i nekoliko sličnih slučajeva koji su riješeni intraosealnim usadcima i protetskim konstrukcijama na tim usadcima.

Svrha ovog prikaza je prezentirati različite načine sanacije istih ili sličnih slučajeva, te dati smjernice kliničarima kada i u kojim slučajevima bi se trebalo opredijeliti za pojedinu vrstu terapije. Važno je napomenuti da obaviještenost i terapeuta i pacijenta čini ključnu ulogu u izboru što prikladnijega terapijskog postupka.

## Prosthetic or Implantoprosthetic Treatment of Edentulous Areas

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Loss of teeth not only leads to aesthetic but also to functional impairment of the stomatognathic system. Solving edentulousness still presents a great challenge in contemporary dentistry. Various approaches are possible depending on the type and number of lost teeth, and also the condition of surrounding tissue. Regardless of whether it is a case of a single tooth or several, it is necessary to know the function of the masticatory organ and therapeutic procedures in order to correctly carry out treatment. Lack of teeth can be dealt with orthodontically, prosthetically or implanto-prosthetically. Which method is chosen depends on the case itself, choice of therapist and on the practicability and cooperation of the patient. This study presents several cases which were treated by classical prosthetic restorations, as opposed to several similar cases which treated by intra-osseous implants and prosthetic constructions on the implants.

The purpose of this presentation is to show different methods of treatment of the same or similar cases, and to give guidelines to clinicians, when and in which cases a particular treatment should be opted for. It is important to mention that the information acquired by the therapist, as well as the patient, represents the key role in the choice of the most suitable therapeutic procedure.

## Zubni usadci u medicinski kompromitiranih pacijenata

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Terapija djelomične ili potpune bezubosti zubnim usadcima danas ima znatnu ulogu u oralnoj